

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 18, 2008. In order to advance prosecution of this case, Applicants amend Claims 1, 3, 19, 21, 37, 39, 55, 57, and 73. Applicants cancel Claims 2, 20, 38, and 56 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Allowed Claims

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claims 7-18, 25-36, 43-54, 61-72, 74 and 75 and the Examiner's indication that Claims 2-6, 20-24, 38-42 and 56-60 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As discussed further below, Applicants amend Claims 1, 19, 37, and 55 to include elements of Claims 2, 20, 38, and 56, respectively, that the Examiner indicates are not taught by the cited references. Additionally, Applicants amend Claim 73 to include elements similar to those of Claim 2 that the Examiner indicates are not taught by the cited references. As a result, Claims 1, 19, 37, 55, and 73 are allowable in accordance with the Examiner's indications. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of amended Claims 1, 19, 37, 55, and 73, and their respective dependents.

Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner objects to the drawings as allegedly failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5) because of certain typographical errors. Applicants submit a replacement sheet of drawings (labeled "Replacement Drawings") for the identified figures, thereby addressing the Examiner's objection.

Section 103 Rejections

Claims 1, 19, 37, 55 and 73 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,822,313 issued to Malek et al. ("*Malek*") and a paper entitled, "An Algorithm for playout delay adjustment of interactive audio applications in mobile ad hoc networks," by Mouna Benaissa et al. ("*Benaissa*"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. For the purposes of advancing prosecution, however, Applicants

amend Claims 1, 19, 37, and 55 to include elements of Claims 2, 20, 38, and 56, respectively, that the Examiner indicates are not taught by the cited references. Additionally, Applicants amend Claim 73 to include elements similar to those of Claim 2 that the Examiner indicates are not taught by the cited references. As a result, Claims 1, 19, 37, 55, and 73 are allowable in accordance with the Examiner's indications. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1, 19, 37, 55, and 73, and their respective dependents.

Applicants cancel Claims 2, 20, 38, and 56 without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby obviating the Examiner's objection to these claims. Applicants wish to note that, with respect to all cancellations and amendments herein, Applicants reserve the right to pursue broader subject matter than that presently claimed through the filing of continuations and/or other related applications.

Conclusions

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending Claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

No fees are believed to be due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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